



# Dolores River Restoration

## *-Recovery Act Projects-*

### Montezuma, Dolores, San Miguel & Montrose Counties



The Dolores River Restoration Project is a partnership between the BLM and several partners with the goal of controlling the spread of and/or eradicating tamarisk and other invasive species on public lands along the Dolores River and its major tributaries. The project will eventually reach from McPhee Dam to the Dolores Public Lands boundary upstream of Bedrock.

The project seeks to restore a healthy functioning river system dominated by native riparian plant communities. Recovery Act funding is being matched by contributions from the Walton Family Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, and Packard Foundation. Invasive

tamarisk is being removed and sprayed along the river under supervision from certified applicators with the Dolores Public Lands Office and San Miguel County.

This project began in 2009 with 170 acres of tamarisk treated along 23 miles of the Dolores River from the Dove Creek Pump Station to the confluence of Disappointment Creek. Work resumed in 2010 along the Dolores River and Disappointment Creek, with 62 additional acres treated on five miles of stream. Another 15 acres of tamarisk were treated along two miles of stream in side canyons.

Tamarisk eradication on the Dolores River will continue from Slickrock downstream to the Dolores River Wilderness Study Area, as well as upstream on Disappointment Creek.

Additional restoration efforts include treatment of Russian knapweed and other invasive weeds along the river corridor, followed by seeding with native species. Future efforts will continue down to the Dolores River confluence with the Colorado River in cooperation with the BLM Uncompahgre, Grand Junction and Moab Field Offices.



**This project is funded by the Recovery Act through participating agreements with:**

- Southwest Conservation Corps and Canyon Country Youth Corps
- Dolores and San Miguel Counties